

Te Awamutu Primary School

Together Achieving Personal Success

Dear Parents and Caregivers

27 June 2022

We are sending this mini newsletter out as a way of sharing some need to know information for the next few weeks.

First, there will be a **Teachers Only Day on Friday 8th July - no school for students**. This is the last day of Term 2. During this time, teachers will be completing a full review of our planning and teaching systems, continuing (and hopefully concluding) the work we have been doing at our weekly staff meetings over the past few months. To reduce the stress load on parents, the school is operating a care programme for the day. For a full day (7am - 6pm) this will cost \$45 per child and for part-time hours (9am - 3pm) it will cost \$35. The caregivers will organise some engaging activities for the day and the students are allowed to be in non-uniform as it is not an official school day. Lailie Martin (Before and After School Manager) will send out information and registration links early next week. We encourage other parents who don't wish to utilise this service to organise playdates with other friends, or just enjoy an extra day of holiday with their children.

To recognise Maree Parkes' dedication and service to TAPS for well over a decade, we will be having a special assembly on Thursday 7th July (the last school day of Term 2). Parents are welcome to attend.

If you missed the last newsletter, Maree has resigned as her husband and her are relocating to Great Barrier Island where Maree has won a teaching position at a local school. This will be a sad day for TAPS.

We are extremely proud of the way our tamariki have represented TAPS over the past few weeks. Two teams of four Year 5 and 6 boys participated in the EPRO 8 grand final. The Fluffy Avengers placed 5th equal and The United Unicorns Placed 8th equal. We have had a group of children planting our Trees for Survival seedlings on a local farm. Mrs White reports that the students worked extremely hard and planted well over 700 plants on Thursday. Tu Meke! Additionally, we had two teams representing TAPS at the Waikato Rippa Rugby tournament on Thursday as well. One of those teams coming second. Way to go team!

Thank you to our amazing parents and extended family who supported all of those students to achieve personal success in their chosen fields. In the week coming, we have Winter Sports on Tuesday. Another opportunity for our tamariki to get involved and enjoy themselves.

TEACHER ONLY DAY—FRIDAY 8TH JULY

Our newsletters will begin a new schedule next term. We've learned that our newsletters are more likely to be read if in hardcopy. It's easier to read them at the bench while you're waiting for the potatoes to boil, rather than downloading and reading online. However, short reminders are easily accessed via our Facebook page or via email in between work and sport practice, or even over a cuppa later in the evening once the kids are in bed. Therefore, we will do monthly newsletters, or 3 a term. They will be distributed in hardcopy, a link on Facebook and be sent via email through Hero. Hopefully this way we will get to as many people as possible.

This year, in September, TAPS will be holding their triennial elections for our school Board. We hope to attract a diverse group of parents that have skills in a range of areas that support our school to be the best it can be as we make decisions that shape our children's future. If you have an interest in the Board, please put your name forward for nomination. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me to have a korero.

Illnesses

There are a number of very nasty illnesses hitting our children, particularly post-COVID. We've had reports of the genuine influenza (doctor diagnosed), strep throat, normal colds, gastro bugs and, most recently, a potential case of scarlet fever. Please, please, please keep your children home if they are not well. Even a little illness can make them susceptible to something far worse, requiring much more time off for everyone. We have four air purifiers rotating around the school as absences show us, sickness is more rife in a particular area. That coupled with clean environments, fresh air through ventilation, and good hand washing and sneeze etiquette, are our best defence for stopping the spread of these illnesses.



Nga mihi

Sharon

Last week of Eco Warriors planted around 780 plants for the Trees for Survival initiative.



We really couldn't have wished for more stunning crisp winters' day.



Last week, for the first time in TAPS history, we had two teams competing in the Epro8 Waikato Grand Final? There was a Rock band theme, with the teams selecting from four different challenges related to this—The Fluffy Avengers chose to create their own sound system and the United Unicorns created a working lighting system. Both teams should be proud of making to it the final and creating such amazing masterpieces.



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Maa Mahi Tahī Te Eke Panuku A Teetahi

Principal's Award Winner

TIMATANGA

Term 2 2022 - Week 8

Arihia Mauriohooho

Arihia, All the teachers in Timatanga agree that you are a kind, thoughtful and sensible girl. You are a good friend to others. You choose to include others in learning and play activities both inside and outside the classroom. You consistently show respect toward your peers and teachers. You are reliable and take responsibility for your own learning and actions. You are considerate and think about how your decision and actions might affect others. We are proud of you and the way you show the TAPS values through your words and actions. Thank you for being the awesome student you are Arihia. Congratulations on receiving the Principal's award.



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TAIOHI

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Taylor Fleming

Taylor, you have worked incredibly hard so far this year and are constantly motivated towards achieving your goals. You have overcome many challenges in learning new things, some well beyond your expected level, but you have always practised hard and never given up. I am so proud of the progress you are making and your constant offers to help anyone around you. You consistently display the TAPS values and are a role model to your classmates. You are an absolute pleasure to have in Room 8 and your work ethic makes you an inspiration amongst your peers. Keep striving high, super star, you are paving such a bright path!



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TAUIHI

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Eli Harrod

Eli, your kind, thoughtful and cheeky personality doesn't go unnoticed. You are consistently doing the right thing and you show all of the TAPS values. You start every morning with a smile on your face and a positive attitude. You are forever helping those around you and encouraging others to do the best that they can. You are persistent and show resilience in everything you do and have a great sense of humour which Room 15 is extremely lucky to experience daily. Eli, you are a valuable member to Room 15 and I personally can not wait to watch your confidence and leadership skills grow throughout the rest of the year. Well done Eli, keep being your amazing self!



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TOPA

Term 2 2022 - Week 8

Rhys Addison

Rhys, you are kind, hard working, co-operative, helpful and all the while you have a good sense of humour and cheeky personality. There is no doubt that you show all the TAPS values. You are respectful to anyone and everyone, and you are always considerate of those around you. You try your absolute best with everything you do, and you don't let anything get in your way. You embrace challenges and find a way around them. Thank you for being such a resilient, positive student. You are what we teachers call a student that we could have a million of. Rhys, keep being your amazing awesome self.



THE SAFE & HAPPY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



The July holidays are almost here and once again we are offering a fun filled programme, running from Te Awamutu Primary School. We have some great onsite days planned including Crazy hair day, Traditional games, A minute to win it and a workshop on dog safety, along with trips to the cinemas, pools, Lazertag & Leap, Rockclimbing and Chipmunks. Please see below for bookings

<https://enrolmy.com/the-safe--happy-club-ltd>

or email

info@safeandhappyclub.co.nz

PLEASE NOTE - FOR THOSE THAT QUALIFY, WE HAVE THE WINZ SUBSIDY AVAILABLE.

WILKSPENNY
3 Glenholme Road Te Awamutu 01712009 www.wilkspenny.co.nz

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
Keep them entertained on the streets with a whole range of ATVs from your participating Suzuki dealer.

SUZUKI
HONDA
\$3,999
\$750 STORE CREDIT

Cleaning Position Available
Te Awamutu Primary School is looking for a person to join our team of cleaning extraordinaires.

The position is 15 hours per week, 3pm-6pm during term time and will include a week during the school holidays to complete a thorough school wide clean. You will be required to undergo a police check.

If you would like to know more, please contact Jacqui, our cleaning supervisor on 021 406 738

After School Carer
Te Awamutu Primary School is looking for a person to join our team of Before/After School carers.

Due to roll growth we are looking for another team player. You will be required to undergo a police check.

If you would like to know more, please contact Laila supervisor on 027 320 1949 or email asc@taps.school.nz

COME AND LEARN

NZ SIGN LANGUAGE

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Courses in Cambridge and Hamilton

ONSITE HAMILTON

Beginner Level 1A - \$140
Mondays 6.30-8.30pm
from 1 August to 19 September, 2022
Hamilton North School, Warwick Ave, Hamilton

ONSITE CAMBRIDGE

Beginner Level 1A - \$125
Wednesdays 6.30-8.30pm
from 3 August to 21 September, 2022
Cambridge High, 25 Swaye Rd, Cambridge

Beginner Level 1C - \$125
Thursdays 6.30-8.30pm
from 4 August to 22 September, 2022
Cambridge High, 25 Swaye Rd, Cambridge

DAYTIME ONLINE (Limit 4-6 people)

Beginner Level 1A - \$140
Tuesdays 4.30-6.30pm
from 2 August to 20 September, 2022

EVENING ONLINE (Limit 4-6 people)

Intermediate Level 2B - \$150
Tuesdays 7.00-9.00pm
from 2 August to 20 September, 2022

New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL)

is a challenging, fun and interactive language to learn. Come and join the 8-week NZSL course with our NZSL qualified tutor. A wonderful professional development opportunity for teachers, managers, staff, customer service staff and families of Deaf children to learn NZSL and about Deaf culture.

COURSE COSTS INCLUDES

- Course Outline
- Handouts
- Completion Certificate
- Tea and coffee (onsite only)

The Beginners courses are suitable for those with no prior knowledge of an Introduction to NZSL & Deaf Culture

Please note: Sometimes there may be a change in dates (e.g. extra classes to make up for a public holiday or other cancellations due to the number of participants). 80% attendance is required for certification.

I understand that tuition fees are payable prior to the beginning of classes. Invoices will be sent out as confirmation of your enrolment. Payment options will also be included. If you wish to pay now please deposit course fee into Bank A/C: USign NZ 01-0442- 0056755-02

USIGN
NZ SIGN LANGUAGE

For more information and to enrol please contact kelly@usign.co.nz or txt only 0275 377 779



IGNITE ARTS ACADEMY JULY HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

AN EXCITING FOUR DAY MUSICAL THEATRE HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

THE GREATEST SHOWMAN
11-14 JULY

CAMP ROCK
MUSIC WORKSHOPS FOR BUDDING ROCK STARS

JUNIORS 18-20 JULY & SENIORS 18-21 JULY

More Info & Bookings... IGNITEARTS.CO.NZ

July Holiday Programme

9am-4:30pm Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th & Friday 15th

Ages 5-12yrs

\$60 per day

ENROLLMENTS OPEN NOW!!

<https://tagymsports.nz/holiday-program>

